

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Notice was duly published February 13, 2018 on Page 4 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on February 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Tuesday, February 27, 2018:

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
Commission Meeting

2:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln
C-4958 In the Matter of the Application of Birch Communications, Inc., for authority to operate as a local exchange and interexchange carrier of telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska: Commissioner Crystal Rhoades presiding as Hearing Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-4967 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System to be effective July 1, 2018. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening Docket and setting a hearing for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

AD-651r In the Matter of the Application of G1 Research, Cottonwood Heights, Utah, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-1, PO#7 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to grant an audit extension request to file the 2016 NUSF remittance audit to March 30, 2018, for Enventis Telecom, Inc., originally due on or before December 31, 2017. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-0093/ BA-007 & BA-008 In the Matter of Black Hills Energy/Nebraska Gas Utility, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Papillion, Nebraska, seeking Approval of Certain Accounting and Regulatory Treatment of a Regulatory Asset Comprised of Increased Location Costs due to a Fiber Optics Project in Lincoln, Nebraska, and other specified relief: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Assessment Orders BA-007 and BA-008. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

E-2448 In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County, Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule and #199 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to amend Title 291, Chapter 3, Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations, to amend provisions of the rules: Commissioner Tim Schram presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter the third set of proposed rules, seeking comments due on or before March 23, 2018 and setting a Hearing for April 10, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Nichole Mulcahy discussed pending legislation.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

M-14229 In the Matter of NST Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Aardvark Moving Company, Omaha, seeking suspension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Certificate No. M-14229: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an Order granting the suspension. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEPARTMENT

Docket No. In the Matter of Regulatory Review of Manufactured Housing FR-6075 Rules: Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by N-01 Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve to sending a Letter to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson on this HUD docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder and Tim Schram voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

Buell Advertising	\$	28,955.00
Cullen Robbins		259.68
Rod Johnson		839.30
Crystal Rhoades		131.02
Tim Schram		63.24

The following invoice was paid between February 7, 2018 and February 20, 2018 and should be ratified:

Crystal Rhoades	\$	665.50
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Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve minutes for January 2018. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Scott Elston to travel to and attend the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Accident Investigation Recurrency Training in Pueblo, Colorado, from April 3, 2018 to April 7, 2018, with all expenses to be paid by the FRA. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve David A. Sankey to travel to and attend a workshop of emergency communications leaders, hosted by the National Governor's Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices and the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from March 20, 2018 through March 21, 2018, with all expenses to be reimbursed by the NGA. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Mary Ridder, Crystal Rhoades and Tim Schram voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, and Tim Schram present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2018.

Chair

Executive Director